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Identical letters dated 29 January 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and to the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the daily report on the activities of the inspection teams of the United Nations Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission (UNMOVIC) and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in Iraq on 29 January 2003.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex to the identical letters dated 29 January 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and to the President of the Security Council

Report on the activities of the UNMOVIC and IAEA inspection teams in Iraq

Inspection activities on 29 January 2003

I. IAEA inspection team

(a) Group I, composed of three inspectors, left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 9.15 a.m. and proceeded to the sites of the Biological Studies State Company, a subsidiary of the Ministry of Industry and Metallurgy located at Andulus Square in Baghdad. The Group met with the Company's liaison officer with the National Monitoring Directorate to discuss the Company's replies to IAEA on 22 January 2003. The Group also met with the Director of the Sales Department and examined procurement files and contracts. It inspected the office of the State Phosphates Company located on the premises of the Biological Studies State Company and examined contracts related to installations in the Phosphates Company. On completion of its assignment, which lasted six hours, the Group returned to the Canal Hotel.

(b) Group II, composed of three inspectors, left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 9 a.m. Using hand-held devices, it took a radiometric survey in the Abu Gharib and Saddamiyat al-Falluja districts, at a tourist site belonging to the Ard al-Ahlam Company for Tourism Investments, and in the Tariq camp, located on the Baghdad-Falluja highway. On completing its assignment, which had lasted four hours, the Group returned to the Canal Hotel.

(c) Group III, composed of four inspectors, left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 8.30 a.m. and proceeded to Kufah University and questioned the University President about the date he assumed the post, the name of his predecessor, the total number of students, the numbers of students in advanced programmes, the number of professors, the University's budget and sources of financing, the number of colleges and their replacement. The Group met the Deans of the Colleges of Education, Science and Engineering and asked them about the size of the student body, the number of students in advanced programmes, the number of departments, the names of department heads, staff research projects and the work of the departments. The Group inspected the Physics Department of Qa'id College of Education for Girls and the College of Science and verified radioactive sources there. It also inspected the College of Medicine and the laboratories of the Mechanical Engineering Department of the Engineering College. Lastly, it took radiometric surveys in the laboratories of the Education, Science and Engineering Colleges. On completing its assignment, which had lasted 4 1/2 hours, the Group returned to the Canal Hotel.

II. UNMOVIC joint inspection team

The team, composed of 10 inspectors, left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 8.40 a.m. and proceeded to the Falluja Munitions Depot belonging to the Ministry of Defence. It questioned the commander of the depot on the date of its construction and the types of munitions stored there, inspected certain storage areas and used chemical contamination detection devices. On completing its assignment, which had lasted four hours, the team returned to the Canal Hotel.

III. UNMOVIC biological inspection team

(a) Group I, composed of six inspectors, left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 8.15 a.m. and proceeded to the Ibn Agricultural Research Centre, located in the Abu Gharib district. It questioned a scientist there on plant diseases, the nature of the Centre's work, potato sterilization methods and whether work is being done on wheat diseases. After inspecting the intensive potato reproduction laboratory and the quality-control laboratory, the Group headed for the poultry-breeding plant located in the Abu Gharib district affiliated with the above-mentioned Centre. It questioned the plant manager about the nature of its operations, the types of poultry bred and the capacity of the incubators and the fields. It then inspected the animal physiology experimental laboratory affiliated with the Centre located in the Shu'lah district. On completing its assignment, which had lasted 2 1/2 hours, the Group returned to the Canal Hotel.

(b) Group II, composed of eight inspectors, left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad and proceeded to the Chemical Engineering Department of the Technological University. The Group asked the experts about the Department's sources of funding and whether it had microbiology experts on staff. It then inspected the laboratories and warehouses and took samples from a dehydration device. On completing its assignment, which had lasted 2 1/2 hours, the Group returned to the Canal Hotel.

(c) Group III, composed of eight inspectors, left the Canal Hotel at 8.50 a.m. and proceeded to the Dabbash Warehouses, belonging to the State Company for Marketing Medicines and Medical Appliances (Ministry of Health). The Group questioned the Manager about the nature of the operations of the warehouse and whether they contained culture media, asked the head of the Maintenance Department about the nature of the work carried out in the Department's workshop and asked the head of the Warehouse Customs Department about the kind of work it carried out and how shipments arrived from Turaybil. The Group inspected the administrative and accounting offices and computer files, examined the computers and downloaded information on warehouse operations, and inspected the Customs Services and maintenance workshop of the warehouses. On completing its assignment, which had lasted three hours, the Group returned to the Canal Hotel.

IV. UNMOVIC missile inspection team

The team, composed of five inspectors, left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 8.30 a.m. and proceeded to the Ma'moun Factory, 50 kilometres south of Baghdad, belonging to the Rashid State Company, one of the companies under the Military Industrialization Corporation (MIC). The team took samples that it would have

analysed outside Iraq in order to verify their composition. These samples contained solid fuel utilized in the Fatah missile. The team also inspected a building. On completing its assignment, which had lasted 1 hour and 1 minute, the team returned to the Canal Hotel.

V. UNMOVIC chemical inspection team

At 7 a.m., 15 inspectors took off from Rashid Airfield on board two UNMOVIC planes. After more than 1 1/2 hours in the air en route to the Ta'mim Governorate, bad weather prevented the planes from landing near the city of Kirkuk. The assignment was thus cancelled and the planes headed back to the Rashid Airfield.